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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Pachl, et al.	}	Attorney Docket No. 9134-0414
	}	
Title: COATED TEST ELEMENTS	}	Examiner: Lyle Alexander
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Serial No.: 10/581,409	}	Confirmation No. 3752
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action having a mailing date of October 7, 2011 and a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 7, 2012, Applicants submit the following response.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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